

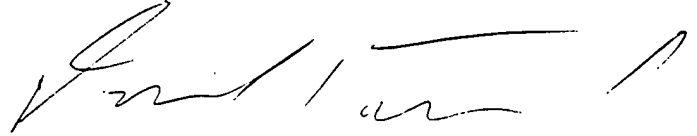
REMARKS

In response to the Examiner's comments in the instant Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment, the complete text of all claims, INCLUDING the withdrawn claims 15018 and 30-32, has been presented above. Claims 2-6, 10-14 and 19-29 have been cancelled, and claims 1, 7 and 9 rewritten to more definitely set forth the invention and obviate the rejection. In addition, new claims 32-37 have been presented. Support for the amendment of Claims 1, 7 and 9 can be found in the Specification on page 3, lines 17-18, and page 4, last line, to page 5, line 14. Support for new claims 32 and 33 can be found in the Specification on page 7, lines 20-25, and page 4, line 11. Support for new claims 34 and 35 can be found in the Specification on page 13, lines 18-22. The present amendment is deemed not to introduce new matter. Claims 1, 7-9 and 32-33 are now in the application.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the application is now in condition for allowance, and early action and allowance thereof is accordingly respectfully requested. In the event there is any reason why the application cannot be allowed at the present time, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact the undersigned at the number listed below to resolve any problems.

Respectfully submitted,

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